

HOUSE RESOLUTION 291

By Bass

A RESOLUTION to commend Ashley M. Collins for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Ashley M. Collins is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Eddie Bass. Ashley's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collins has proven herself to be exceptionally organized, industrious, and capable of accomplishing any task set before her; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Collierville High School, she attended Southwest Tennessee Community College and is currently a student at Tennessee State University (TSU), where she has maintained an exemplary grade point average while majoring in criminal justice with a concentration in pre-law; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her demanding coursework, Ms. Collins has participated in the Community Relations Executive Seminar Training (CREST), offered by the United States Department of Justice Memphis Division Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Human Rights and Post Conflict Issues Study Session, offered by the University of Colombo's Centre for the Study of Human Rights in Sri Lanka; and

WHEREAS, she is highly regarded by her peers, having achieved much academic success and participating in numerous extracurricular and community activities, such as serving as a member of the Wesley Foundation at TSU and a volunteer for several service projects; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Ms. Collins plans to pursue a career in criminal justice either with a law enforcement agency or private organization; and

WHEREAS, a hardworking young woman, Ashley Collins has been working for two years as a waitress and hostess at Longhorn Steakhouse and previously worked as a cashier at Corky's Ribs and Bar-B-Q; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Collins is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Vivian Collins; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Collins brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, with her sharp mind and positive attitude, she was a valuable asset to the legislative staff and will always be remembered for her popular catchphrase: "To be continued"; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bass greatly enjoyed working with Ms. Collins and wishes her the best in her journey; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, she has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Collins has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Ashley M. Collins for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Eddie Bass and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.